

Appl. No.10/676,313  
Preliminary Amdt. Dated November 7, 2003

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Customer No.: 26021

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to the examination of the present application, Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or waiver, and claims 31-52 are added. Claims 2-30 were canceled without prejudice in the transmittal papers filed with the application on September 30, 2003. Claims 31-52 are presented for examination. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

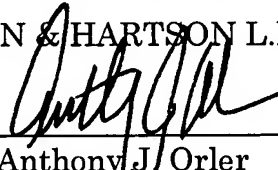
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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